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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005 be extended for a period of three (3) months from December 7, 2005 to and including March 7, 2006.

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